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Mr. Lowell P. Braxton
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RE: Drum Mine
ACT/027/007

Dear Mr. Braxton:

Western States Minerals operates the Drum Mine, located approximately 35 miles west of Delta in Millard County. The mine was initially planned for a life of 26 months. Additional ore has been found, and the life of the mine will be lengthened by approximately 21 months, to June of 1987. We are submitting this letter and attachments as an amendment to the current permit. The major areas of revision are:

1. The mine plan, including pit and dump locations;
2. The leach pad area and timetable;
3. The disturbed area; and
4. The reclamation schedule.

Several changes have been made in the management and ownership of this property. The company representative is now John Danio, Project Manager, and Western States Minerals now wholly owns the surface and minerals on the subject property.

A map, previously labeled 3.1, has been amended to show the proposed modifications. This map also shows the originally permitted facilities.

The disturbed acreage will be increased by the following amounts:

- A. Minesite: 29.7 Acres
- B. Access and Haul Roads: 7 Acres
- C. Processing Facilities: 19 Acres

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These additional areas will increase the disturbed acres to a total of:

- A. Minesite: 79.7 Acres
- B. Access and Haul Roads: 12 Acres
- C. Processing Facilities: 52 Acres

The sequential disturbance will be such that all mining and heap construction will be completed by December, 1985, with leaching and processing continuing until June of 1987. Therefore, the majority of the earthmoving disturbance will be completed within this calendar year.

Reclamation will commence immediately following cessation of leaching operations. Some interim reclamation will be done around the pits and dumps as these areas become available and as equipment and manpower permit. The reclamation will be identical to the previously approved plan.

Reclamation costs will be similar to those already in effect for the existing permit. Therefore, an additional bond of \$750.00 per acre, for the additional acreage of 55.7 acres, for a total of \$41,775.00, is proposed.

We look forward to your review and comments, and will be happy to meet or otherwise provide any additional information you may require to complete this amendment.

Very truly yours,

WESTERN STATES MINERALS CORPORATION



John. R. Danio, PE
Project Manager

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Attachments